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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER RECEIVED TODAY FROM COMMITTEE  
OF 24 SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TADESSE RELATING TO SUBCOMMITTEE  
INVITATION TO VIRGIN ISLANDS NON-VOTING DELEGATE DELUGO. WE  
UNDERSTAND INTERIOR WILL PASS TO DELUGO.

QUOTE DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR,

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE MEETINGS WHICH SUB-COMMITTEE  
II OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF 24 IS CURRENTLY HOLDING  
CONCERNING THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS. AS YOU ARE AWARE,  
IN 1973, WHILE DISCUSSING THIS ITEM, THE SUB-COMMITTEE REQUESTED  
THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE PARTICIPATING IN OUR MEETINGS,  
MR. ROBERT IMMERMAN, TO EXTEND TO THE VIRGIN ISLANDS NON-  
VOTING DELEGATE TO THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
THE HONOURABLE RONALD DE LUGO, AN ORAL INVITATION TO APPEAR  
BEFORE IT TO ASSIST IT IN ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE TERRI-  
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TORY. UNFORTUNATELY, WE WERE THEN INFORMED THAT MR. DE LUGO

WAS UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE.

AS YOU ALSO KNOW, MR. AMBASSADOR, MR. DE LUGO'S COLLEAGUE, THE HONOURABLE ANTONIO B. WON PAT, THE NON-VOTING DELEGATE TO THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM GUAM, APPEARED AS A PETITIONER BEFORE SUB-COMMITTEE II ON 11 JULY 1973, AND THE SUB-COMMITTEE HAD A USEFUL EXCHANGE WITH HIM. WE WISH TO ASSURE YOU THAT WE WOULD WELCOME A SIMILAR OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR MR. DE LUGO.

MR. IMMERMAN INFORMED THE SUB-COMMITTEE AT ITS MEETING ON 8 MAY 1974 THAT MR. DE LUGO WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THOSE MEETINGS AT WHICH WE HAD SCHEDULED FOR THE CURRENT SESSION, DISCUSSIONS ON THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS. WE APPRECIATE HOW OCCUPIED THE NON-VOTING DELEGATE MUST BE AT THIS TIME BUT I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE, MR. AMBASSADOR, THAT WE ARE STILL READY TO MEET WITH MR. DE LUGO. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT HE WOULD HAVE A CONSIDERABLE CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE FOR THE SUCCESS OF OUR WORK.

I WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH IF YOU WILL BE GOOD ENOUGH TO TRANSMIT TO MR. DE LUGO OUR FORMAL AND RENEWED INVITATION TO HIM TO APPEAR BEFORE SUB-COMMITTEE II DURING ITS GENERAL DEBATE ON THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS.

PLEASE ACCEPT, SIR, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE  
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